

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

The Chinese Vegetable Dealers
Out on Strike.

DON'T LIKE TO BE FORCED.

They Claim the Sidewalks and Decline
to Move—Early Morning Raid by
Captain Scott—Ten Chinamen Ar-
rested for Violating the Ordinance.

"All things come to those who wait," in Honolulu as well as any place else. The vegetable Chinamen have gone on a strike. This event is one of the unexpected kind that fall like a thunderbolt when they do come. The Chinamen have no idea of what a strike is, but they are determined to produce a vegetable famine and bring the Government down on its knees begging for cabbages and onions. The events leading up to this rather startling climax are somewhat interesting.

It has always been a law here that the selling of vegetables on the sidewalks or at any place other than the regular market is prohibited. This law had never been strictly enforced until last Sunday. The vegetable Chinamen were in the habit of taking their baskets, buckets and pots and, incidentally, their vegetables to the sidewalks between King and Queen on Maunakea street, there to spread them out for sale to the public. Water was thrown out into the streets and all over the sidewalks to the discomfort of pedestrians. The Chinamen, in their usual cold and disinterested way, thought nothing of the nuisance they were becoming to the public, nor did they read up the law on the matter.

Previous to last Sunday these vegetable vendors were warned that the law would be enforced and that they would be sent home with a little spanking if they did not comply with the regulations. They smiled a sickly smile and reduced the prices of their vegetables in order to crowd more upon the sidewalk by increasing the demand. Absolutely no attention at all was paid to the officers of the law.

Men were placed on Maunakea street, in the vegetable vicinity, Sunday morning. Shortly after the report came in to Captain Scott, then on duty, that the Chinese refused to go and that they had actually shown some signs of excitement. The men said the Chinamen looked ugly—more so than usual. There were extra large cabbages on the sidewalk, and these were furnished with stalks that looked very hardy. These stalks in the hands of the Chinamen might prove no mean weapons.

At any rate Captain Scott smiled, and taking his men up to the scene of promised activity set to work the machinery of the law.

It was 4 o'clock in the morning and the Chinamen were in a disagreeable mood. "You are ordered to clean the sidewalk," said Captain Scott, "in other words you must move your vegetables."

Still there was no move and the air about was hushed. Suddenly the sidewalks were cleaned and the streets suffered in consequence. The Chinamen were gently lifted from their positions of repose on the sidewalk and deposited in the

street, no particularly dry spots being picked out for landing places. Then there were cabbages to right of them, carrots to left of them and lettuce all over them. The Chinamen volleyed and thundered while the grand transformation scene was being enacted, just at the peep of day.

After the morning's vigorous exercise the Chinamen collected their goods and chattels, piled them into baskets and carts and got ready for a tramp.

One of the number was taken to the police station with a wagon load of vegetables. While he was being searched and the officers were all in the receiving station, a "foxy" comrade sneaked around the corner of Nuuanu and Merchant streets and was just in the act of driving off when a policeman appeared and persuaded him to get down. He was sent away on foot.

Then the officers went after the remainder of the scattered Chinamen. When they got to the spot they found the Chinamen they had just sent away, mounted on the seat of another wagon loaded with vegetables. Again he was in the act of driving away. This time he was persuaded to remain and with three other of his race performed quick time to the police station.

When drawn up in line it was found that there were five Chinamen, two wagonfuls of vegetables and six baskets of the same trouble-brewing articles. It is said that some of the native policemen cast covetous glances at the onions but, being on duty, refused to allow their appetites to get the best of them.

From that hour dated the strike of the vegetable men, and now, rather than sell vegetables to anyone, the Chinamen are allowing them to rot in their gardens.

The peddlers have joined hand in hand with the Maunakea street vendors and are saying all sorts of terrible things about making Honolulu people pay for the enforcement of the law.

But then they will get over their little family trouble and come around all right. They don't like to pay for stalls at the fish market. They prefer the sidewalks. They are dirtier and more inconvenient in every way.

Early yesterday morning an amusing incident happened. A Chinese peddler dropped in at a house in the center of the city and cried "shlawbellie" two or three times. "No want, John," was the sleepy answer of the disturbed lady. "Eight tin quarter," and no response. "Ni tin quarter," and still no response. A long pause, and then "Ten tin quarter." The Chinaman gained his point. The housekeeper got up and bought a quarter's worth. "You likee lettuce, misse?"

With this the Chinaman quietly removed the strawberry tins and there in the bottom of the basket, covered with a bag, were concealed three or four bunches of lettuce, with a sprinkling of onions and other vegetables in between. It is thought from this that the Chinamen are not anxious to prolong the fight, and will come around alright in a day or two. However, there are several of other nationalities who wish they had vegetable gardens just at the present time.

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